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CORPORATION

Type of Assignee

PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

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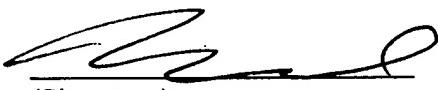
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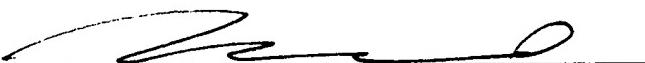
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A. Patent Application No.(s)

60/254,506 10/016,276
 60/275,810
 60/296,968
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May 10, 2002

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ASSIGNMENT

SAFETY SYRINGE CORPORATION (the Assignor), a corporation of the State of Utah and wholly owned subsidiary of Specialized Health Products International, Inc. having an office at 585 West 500 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010 currently is assigned the entire right, title and interest to: SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES, U.S. Provisional App. No. 60/254,506, Filed December 8, 2000; PASSIVELY ACTUATED SAFETY NEEDLE DEVICES AND METHODS, U.S. Provisional Patent App. No. 60/275,810, Filed March 14, 2001; SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES, U.S. Provisional Patent App. No. 60/296,968, Filed June 8, 2001; MEDICAL NEEDLE SAFETY APPARATUS AND METHODS, U.S. Patent App. No. 09/619,190, Filed July 19, 2000; SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES, U.S. Patent App. No. 10/016,276, Filed December 6, 2001; and SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES, PCT App. No. PCT/US01/48125, Filed December 6, 2001, hereinafter called the "inventions."

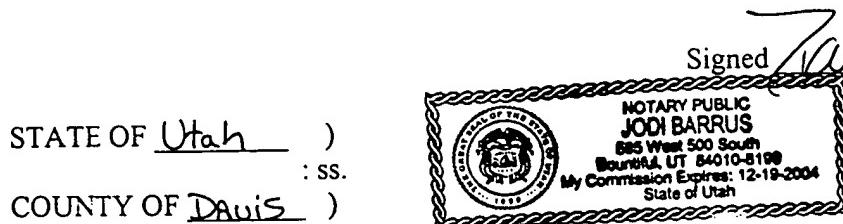
TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP LP (the Assignee), a Delaware Partnership having an office at 15 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048, desires to secure the entire right, title and interest in said invention.

In consideration of \$1.00 and other goods and valuable considerations paid to the Assignor by the Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, IT IS HEREBY ASSIGNED TO THE ASSIGNEE:

The entire right, title and interest in said inventions and reissues or extension of Letters Patent or Patents granted thereon, and in all corresponding applications filed in countries foreign to the United States, and in all patents issuing thereon in the United States and foreign countries.

It is hereby authorized and requested that the United States Commissioner of Patents and such Patent Office Officials in foreign countries as are duly authorized by their patent laws to issue patents, to issue any and all patents of said invention to the Assignee as the owner of the entire interest, for the sole use and behoof of the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

This assignment and agreement shall be binding upon the heirs and legal representatives of the Assignor.



On April 24, 2002, before me personally appeared Paul Evans known to me to be the person described and who signed the annexed assignment in my presence and acknowledge under oath before me that he has read the same and knows the contents thereof and that he executed the same as his free act and deed and for the purposes set forth therein.

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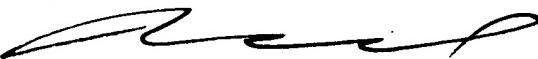
"(b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

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- (3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or
- (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

Date: 7/10/2002

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